

VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION projects are ongoing on the island, including a new building for Sernatur, on Policarpo Toro, across from Playa Pea. The Ministry of Justice is being rebuilt. The gym is being reconstructed and a new market on Atamu Tekena is nearly finished. The hospital building is undergoing a remodel with new offices and some upgrades, and the new control tower at the airport is up and running. Construction on the school has halted; the ship did not arrive, and they ran out of building materials.

A RAPA NUI MARATHON RACE is scheduled for June. The third annual Easter Island Marathon, half marathon and 10K, is set for 12 June. A Sprint Triathlon will be on 11 June, and a Mountain bike race, 13 June. The event has a cap of 150 entries and is being arranged through Marathon Tours.

AN ITALIAN TOURIST WHO VANDALIZED a statue at the quarry of Rano Raraku was fined US\$ 800 and forbidden to return to the island for a year. However, nothing is being done to protect the *moai* at Vinapu which are being damaged by goats, or to protect archaeological sites that are located within the new *parcelas*. We were told that it is "still the Wild West, and no one will accept controls or regulations".

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- "Step into Liquid", a surf movie was shown recently on the Nickelodeon channel. This is a gorgeous and kinky film that travels all over the world in search of the perfect wave – from Easter Island to the shipping canals of Texas (from the sublime to the ridiculous). Documented by Dana Brown, the son of Bruce 'Endless Summer' Brown, documents the urge to surf with great visuals and stories that surf nuts will relish.
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A DVD of a 1972 movie called *Les Soleils de l'Île de Paques* (The Suns of Easter Island) has been re-issued. Described as a cosmic Western, it is like of precursor of "Close Encounters" as it involves a physicist, an astronomer, a priest, an ethnologist, an entomologist and a medium, who all separately have the same hallucinations about Easter Island and decide to go there. They meet there, and wonder about the strange force that brought them together. It was filmed on the island and it is slow-going, with an ecological bent. The director, now deceased, was Pierre Kast.

EIF NEWS

THE VI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Easter Island and the Pacific (VI-ICEAP) is scheduled for September 21-25, 2004, in Viña del Mar, Chile. The Universidad de Valparaíso, the Centro de Estudios Rapa Nui, and the Easter Island Foundation will together sponsor the conference. The co-chairmen are José Miguel Ramírez and Christopher M. Stevenson.

The Keynote Speaker is Atholl Anderson, Professor of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. The title of Anderson's speech is "Distance Looks Our Way: The Effects of Remoteness and Isolation in the Prehistoric Colonization of Polynesia."

Key researchers in the field will chair various sessions. Andreas Mieth (University of Kiel, Germany) has submitted a list of participants in his session, *Palaeo-Environments and Human Impact on Pacific Islands*. These include E. Matisoo-Smith, K. Roberts, N. Welikala, G. Tannock, P. Chester, D. Heek and J. Flenley; S. Haberle; H-R. Bork; C. Delhon and C. Orliac; M. Orliac; and K. Butler. Thegn Ladefoged's session, *The Archaeology of Hawai'i and East Polynesia*, has, at this moment, the following participants; Marshall Weisler and Roger Green, E. Matisoo-Smith, Thegn Ladefoged and Michael Graves, and Jenny Kahn. See our website, www.islandheritage.org

Other session chairs include: William S. Ayres, *Western Polynesian and Micronesian Archaeology*; Carol Ivory, *Arts of the Pacific: Change, Exchange, and Artistic Agency in Pacific Art*; Miki Makihara and Viki Haoa, *Language and Culture in Polynesia*; Grant McCall and Alejandra Grifferos, *Anthropology of History*; Francesco di Castri and Mónica Bahamondez, *Management and Conservation: A Sustainable Development for Rapa Nui*; Andrea Seelenfreund, *Rapa Nui*

Archaeology; Peter Sheppard, *Materials Science Analysis of Artifacts*; Vincent H. Stefan, *Polynesian Human Biology*; Christopher Stevenson, *General Session*; and Joan Wozniak, *Polynesian Agriculture*.

The venue for the meetings is "Conference Town", a attractive center that is specially configured for conferences, including excellent hotel accommodations and all meals. The ambience fosters interchange, small gatherings, and informal opportunities to meet other researchers. This self-contained conference locale has food services, bars and recreational facilities, pool, gym, ping-pong, billiards, etc. Views of Conference Town can be seen on the web at www.ctown.cl

Conference Town is located in Reñaca, only a few miles north of beautiful Viña del Mar, noted as one of the finest resort cities in Chile. All amenities are available in the area, from fine restaurants to excellent shopping and lovely beaches, and a Casino.

Abstracts must be submitted on diskette, or by email (attached file should be in .txt or .doc file) to ngarona@att.net and a hard copy/disk to Easter Island Foundation, PO Box 6774, Los Osos, CA 93412. Abstracts must be in English and Spanish and limited to 250 words. We must receive abstracts before **May 1, 2004**.

Abstracts of papers will be published in the conference program. While the format of sessions may vary, each presentation must be no more than 20 minutes in length. A 35 mm slide projector and digital projector will be provided to facilitate your presentation but speakers are responsible for bringing their own laptop computers if needed. There will also be a general Poster Session.

A special after-conference tour to Easter Island will be a unique opportunity to see Rapa Nui and visit the island's special sites with noted archaeologists and anthropologists. The tour is all-inclusive and will include hotel, meals, tours, special party with entertainment, and transportation on the island. Andreas Mieth will be taking a special tour to Poike to see his study area where the giant palms once stood. This will be a super opportunity to see your favorite island in the company of noted archaeologists and anthropologists. Note: Airfare to Easter Island is not included in the tour. For details on the tour: Jose-Miguel Ramirez: mataveriotai@entelchile.net General information: ngarona@att.net, or rapanuibooks@att.net

The Conference program schedule can be seen on our website, or contact us for a flier and registration form.

In order to take advantage of the early-bird registration rate, we must have your reservation by 1 July 2004. Rates go up after that date. We hope you will join us for an exciting, educational and entertaining experience in beautiful Chile as we celebrate the achievements of ancient and modern Polynesia. More information on VI ICEAP can be found on our website: www.islandheritage.org



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WE HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD into the New Year and it is time to start preparing in earnest for the 2004 VI International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific. All those